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SUBJECT: US COMMENTS ON FAO DOCUMENT CL 60/25: STATUS AND ROLE
OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.

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1. AGREE FULLY GENERAL COMMENTS PARA 2 REFTEL BUT QUESTION SOME
SPECIFIC POINTS PARA 3. HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL RESTUDY BEFORE
OFFICIAL USG VIEWS SUBMITTED TO SECRETARIAT. IN LIGHT DEADLINE,
WILL ALERT SECRETARIAT VIEWS FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

2. FODAG OBSERVATIONS FOLLOW CATEGORIES PARA 3 REFTEL:

A. ACCORDING RECORDS FODAG AND CONFIRMED BY PREVIOUS TALKS FAO,
SPECIAL SESSION CONFERENCE 1950 DID, REPEAT DID ADOPT RESOLUTION
CITED PARA 2 CL 60/25. WHILE SEEMS CLEAR MATTER DEVELOPED
AS OUTLINED 3 A REFTEL, RESOLUTION IN OFFICIAL REPORT FALLS
SHORT OF "CONCLUSION AND REQUEST" MENTIONED REFTEL.
CL 60/25 REPORTS ONLY EXISTENCE THIS RESOLUTION.

B AND C. AGREE.

D. PHRASE CITED IS FROM ADOPTED GENERAL RULES OF ORGANIZATION.
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SEEMS INAPPROPRIATE QUESTION IN PRESENT COTEXT. SUGGEST DELETE

D, AND PROPOSE AMENDMENT GENERAL RULES THROUGH APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES IF DEPARTMENTS FEEL THIS IMPORTANT.

E. THIS MINOR POINT WHICH WE RECOMMEND OMITTING. FAO, AT LEAST, USES "BILATERAL" IN TERMS ITS FAO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION.

F. AGREE NO CHANGE DESIRED IN PROCEDURES FOR FAO COMMUNICATION WITH UNITED STATES. THEREFORE, NEED WE COMMENT AT ALL. THIS DECISION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT BUT COULD HELP SPEEDING FAO LIAISON WITH CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS AND WOULD BE CERTAIN REDUCE FAO EXPENDITURE.

G. LAST SENTENCE PARA 24 CL 60/25 IS FACTUAL STATEMENT. IT EXPRESSES NO VIEW SECRETARIAT OR ANYONE ELSE. THEREFORE, SUGGEST WE NOT SAY WE "CANNOT CONCUR." AGAIN, IF FELT IMPORTANT WE MIGHT ADVISE SECRETARIAT THAT, HOWEVER HELPFUL SUCH MEETINGS MAY BE, WE REGARD THEM AS INFORMAL AND IMPLYING NO STATUTORY TIE BETWEEN THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND THE COUNCIL.

H. PHRASE TO WHICH OBJECTION TAKEN ALSO FACTUAL. SUCH MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD AND THEY HAVE BEEN USEFUL. IS DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN NOT WELL COVERED BY LAST SENTENCE PARA C?.VOLPE

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